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All the President's Commutations

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 — Under Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution, the President is given "power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States."

As noted in the Briefing column Thursday, President Reagan has exercised that power since taking office by commuting the sentences of 13 prisoners and issuing 245 pardons, most recently commuting the sentence of Adil Shahryar, a boyhood friend of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India, on June 11, the day Mr. Gandhi arrived in Washington for a visit.

In response to a request, the Justice Department provided this list of Reagan commutations:

1. W. Dale Hess, mail fraud and racketeering, sentenced Oct. 7, 1977, to four years in jail, later reduced to three years; sentence commuted Dec. 3, 1981, to become effective 17 days later.

2. Marvin Mandel, former Governor of Maryland, same convictions, sentence and commutation as Mr Hess's.

3. William Thomas Humphrey, motor vehicle theft, sentenced March 5, 1979, to 21 years; sentence com-

muted Sept. 14, 1982, and he was released to Oklahoma authorities to begin serving 10-year sentence there.

4. John Lee Johnson, armed bank robbery, sentenced April 11, 1978, to 22 years; sentence commuted Dec. 23, 1982, to make him eligible for parole consideration after five years.

5. Edward Emmett Harvey Jr., bank robbery, perjury and armed bank robbery, sentenced in 1975, 1976 and 1977 to total of 36 years; sentence commuted Feb. 22, 1983, to make him eligible for parole immediately.

6. Joseph Alexander Synan Jr., mail fraud, wire fraud and interstate transportation of stolen checks, sentenced Sept. 26, 1980, to 12 years; sentence commuted Oct. 4, 1983, to make him eligible for parole immediately.

7. Robert Crosby Jr., altering and distributing United States currency, sentenced Sept. 16, 1981, to 30 years; sentence commuted Oct. 20, 1983, to make him eligible for parole immediately.

8. Eileen Rock Lowe, kidnapping, sentenced May 5, 1976, to life imprisonment; sentence commuted Oct. 27, 1983, to 21 years in prison, making her immediately eligible for parole.

9. Donald Ray Morris, conspiracy to commit bank robbery and robbery by assault, sentenced Dec. 11, 1975, to

35 years; sentence commuted Nov. 30, 1983, making him immediately eligible for parole.

10. Gilbert L. Dozier, racketeering, extortion and probation violation, sentenced Nov. 7, 1980, to 58 months to 18 years; sentence commuted June 22, 1984, to six years.

11. Arthur Moody, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, receiving stolen property, possession of ammunition, sentenced June 28, 1984, to 9 to 27 months; sentence commuted June 4, 1985, after an accident in prison, making him eligible for parole.

12. Marian W. Zacharski, espionage, sentenced to life imprisonment June 28, 1981; sentence commuted June 7, 1985, in a prisoner exchange with East Germany and Poland.

13. Adil Shahryar, attempting to place explosives in a vessel within United States jurisdiction, using an explosive firebomb to commit a felony (wire fraud), making false and fraudulent statements to a government agency, knowingly making a destructive device, willfully causing to be transmitted by means of wire communications in interstate commerce a letter of credit for purposes of defrauding, sentenced May 17, 1982, to 35 years; sentence commuted June 11, 1985, releasing him from prison.